TOWN OF MARION TOWN MEETING WARRANT For the Annual Town Meeting to be Held May 9, 2016



Plymouth, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Marion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Marion qualified to vote in Town election and Town affairs to meet at the Sippican School Auditorium in said Marion, on Monday, the 9th day of May, 2016, at 6:45 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Article 1. To see what compensation the Town will pay its elected Town officials:

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

FY16	FY17	
Approp	Recommend	% chg
\$ 4,902	\$ 4,902	0.0%
\$ 4,839	\$ 4,839	0.0%
\$ 1,866	\$ 1,866	0.0%
\$19,493	\$19,493	0.0%
\$ 245	\$ 245	0.0%
\$ 81	\$ 81	0.0%
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or take any other action thereon.

Article 2. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the treasury in order to pay interest and maturing debt and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several Town departments and Reserve Fund for the ensuing year.

			FY17	16 to 17
		FY16	FinCom	% chg
GENERA	AL GOVERNMENT	Appropriation	Recommend.	Differ
113	Election and Town Meetings	\$8,750	\$9,050	3.43%
122	Selectmen	\$52,881	\$46,381	-12.29%
123	Town Administrator	\$118,887	\$121,264	2.00%
131	Finance Committee	\$28,875	\$29,450	1.99%
132	Reserve Fund	\$74,915	\$130,000	73.53%
135	Finance Director/Town Acct	\$97,330	\$99,264	1.99%
141	Assessors	\$114,060	\$114,294	.21%
145	Treasurer	\$51,816	\$54,570	5.31%
146	Collector	\$49,468	\$50,227	1.53%
151	Legal	\$89,500	\$82,000	-8.38%
155	Computer	\$94,200	\$95,500	1.38%
159	Administrative Services	\$665,300	\$684,975	2.96%
161	Town Clerk	\$21,393	\$21,593	.93%
163	Registrar of Voters	\$13,000	\$13,000	0.00%
171	Conservation	\$2,962	\$2,962	0.00%
175	Planning Board	\$14,400	\$18,400	27.78%
176	Zoning Board	\$2,119	\$2,119	0.00%
191	Town Facilities	\$248,041	\$265,318	6.97%
195	Town Report	\$6,525	\$6,525	0.00%
199	Unclassified	\$1,650	\$1,900	15.15%
	Total General Government	\$1,756,072	\$1,848,792	5.28%
UBLIC	SAFETY			
210	Police Department	\$1,640,961	\$1,673,191	1.96%
210	Police Cruiser	\$36,262	\$36,262	0.00%
220	Fire/EMS Department	\$953,151	\$999,465	4.86%
241	Building Department	\$99,559	\$101,464	1.91%
292	Animal Control	\$52,179	\$53,015	1.60%
295	Marine Resources	\$223,418	\$224,851	.64%
299	Tree Warden	\$20,700	\$20,700	0.00%
	Total Public Safety	\$3,026,230	\$3,108,948	2.73%
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SCHOOI 300	LS Sippican School	\$5,785,462	\$6,013,630	3.94%
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300	Sippican School			
300 301	Sippican School ORR Operating	\$3,969.602	\$3,975,082	.14%
300 301 302	Sippican School ORR Operating ORR Debt	\$3,969.602 \$251,463	\$3,975,082 \$223,195	.14% -11.24%

PUBLIC '	WORKS ADMIN.			
420	Public Works	\$844,353	\$838,315	72%
490	Utilities & Fuel	\$394,435	\$358,260	-9.17%
	Total Public Works	\$1,238,788	\$1,196,575	-3.41%
HUMAN	SERVICES			
511	Board of Health	\$140,993	\$145,088	2.90%
541	Council on Aging	\$123,509	\$137,076	10.98%
543	Veterans	\$45,000	\$66,120	46.93%
	Total Human Services	\$309,502	\$348,284	12.53%
CULTUR	RE & RECREATION			
610	Library	\$154,253	\$158,110	2.50%
630	Recreation	\$124,148	\$131,577	5.98%
670	Natural History Museum	\$6,600	\$6,600	0.00%
692	Celebrations-Parades & Band Concerts	\$17,900	\$18,900	5.59%
	Total Culture & Recreation	\$302,901	\$315,187	4.06%
DEBT SE	ERVICE			
710	Principal Payments	\$440,700	\$439,500	27%
711	Interest Payments	\$157,247	\$149,465	-4.95%
	Total Debt Services	\$597,947	\$588,965	-1.50%
PENSIO	N & INSURANCE			
911	Pension Assessment	\$879,507	\$939,265	6.79%
914	Group insurance	\$1,557,382	\$1,667,284	7.06%
940	Town Insurance	\$564,564	\$592,351	4.92%
	Total Pension & Insurances	\$3,001,453	\$3,198,900	6.58%
	TOTAL OPERATING			
	BUDGET	\$20,455,858	\$21,122,751	3.26%
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	Less Transfers	\$356,708	\$339,648	
	Less Indirect Costs	\$572,351	\$625,527	
	Less Transfer from Free Cash	\$525,716	\$362,349	
	Raise and Appropriate	\$19,001,083	\$19,795,227	

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,093,376 to be used to operate the water enterprise fund, the following sums to be appropriated to salaries and expenses, \$932,138; reserve fund, \$60,000; debt, \$785,128; and indirect costs, \$316,110; and the funds be raised from department receipts, \$1,693,376 and \$400,000 from water retained earnings; or take any other action thereon.

WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	Appropriation	Recommend.	Differ
Salaries and Expenses	\$924,642	\$932,138	.81%
Reserve Fund	\$60,000	\$60,000	0.00%
Debt (principal, interest and charges)	\$722,353	\$785,128	8.69%
Subtotal	\$1,706,995	\$1,777,266	4.12%
Indirect Costs	\$302,709	\$316,110	4.43%
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET	\$2,009,704	\$2,093,376	4.16%
Less Water Retained Earnings	\$400,000	\$400,000	
Water Revenues	\$1,609,704	\$1,693,376	

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,737,119 to be used to operate the sewer enterprise fund, the following sums to be appropriated to salaries and expenses, \$942,111; reserve fund, \$60,000; debt, \$1,425,591; and indirect costs, \$309,417; and the funds be raised from departmental receipts, \$2,337,119 and \$400,000 from sewer retained earnings; or take any other action thereon.

	FY16	FY17	% chg
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	Appropriation	Recommend.	Differ
Salaries and Expenses	\$913,566	\$942,111	3.12%
Reserve Fund	\$60,000	\$60,000	0.00%
Debt (principal, interest and charges)	\$1,429,958	\$1,425,591	31%_
Subtotal	\$2,403,524	\$2,427,702	1.01%
Indirect Costs	\$297,064	\$309,417	4.16%
TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET	\$2,700,588	\$2,737,119	1.35%
Less Sewer Retained Earnings	\$400,000	\$400,000	
Sewer Revenues	\$2,300,588	\$2,337,119	

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$25,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors for the revaluation of real and personal property as mandated by the Department of Revenue; or take any other action thereon.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$50,000 to the compensated absence account for the purpose of funding accrued benefits for retiring employees; or take any other action thereon.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$200,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability Trust Fund as established at the Annual Town Meeting of 2010 under Article 14; or take any other action thereon.

- **Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$10,000 to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$50,000 to the Capital Improvement Projects Stabilization Fund; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise or appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$12,265 for the purchase of 7 Automatic External Device (AED) Defibrillators to be used by the Police Department, Recreation Department, and Facilities Department; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$6,194 to be expended by the Facilities Department for the repair/replacement of the Silvershell Beach House roof; or take any other action thereon.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of the permitting and design of the lagoon improvements, including Waste Water Treatment Plant modifications to accommodate changes in the lagoons in order to meet the schedule provided by the EPA and MassDEP; and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes in the amount of \$1,500,000 under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or other appropriate enabling authority; or to take any other action thereon.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of replacement of the Mary's Pond Well to include construction and incidental and related costs; and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes in the amount of \$630,000 under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or other appropriate enabling authority; or to take any other action thereon.
- **Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$120,000 to develop and implement a Capacity Management Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) program which is EPA's approach for managing and maintaining collection systems, and that to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$120,000 be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$55,000 to be expended under the direction of the Harbormaster for the purchase of two (2) outboard motors and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$55,000 be transferred from the Waterways Account; or take any other action thereon.

- **Article 16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$150,000 to develop an Asset Management Program, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$150,000 to be transferred from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$81,804 to be expended by the Fire Department to install a ventilation system and gear racks at Station 1, and that to meet this appropriation the sum of \$61,804 to be transferred from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) and \$20,000 to be transferred from Article 29 of the 2015 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$50,000 to be expended by the Department of Public Works for the MS4 Permit Needs Assessment; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$25,000 to be expended by the School Department to replace vinyl composition tile (VCT) in various areas of the Sippican School; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$92,400 to be expended by the Facilities Department for the replacement of asphalt and rubber roofs as well as duct insulation of the Elizabeth Taber Library; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$39,905 to be expended by the Facilities Department for the repairs to Fire Station 1 building; or take any other action thereon.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$603,000 indebtedness (Marion's share \$171,473) authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Old Rochester Regional School District on March 21, 2016 for the purpose of financing the cost of the Capital Improvement Plan at the Regional High School and Junior High School, including the financing of all costs incidental and related thereto, upon and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws, as amended and supplemented; subject to voters' approval of a debt exclusion under the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws; or take any other action thereon.
- **Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to act upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate, from Fiscal Year 2016 estimated annual revenues, \$2,000 to the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses; or take any other action thereon.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee, from the Fiscal Year 2017 estimated annual revenues, \$84,300 for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the Community Preservation Act, MGL c. 44B, s. 6 for the purpose of Open Space, Community Housing, and Historic Reserves for Fiscal Year 2017; and \$194,700 to the Community Preservation Act Budgeted Reserves; or take any other action thereon.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$20,000 from Historic Preservation reserves and \$91,950 from undesignated fund balance for a total of \$111,950 for the purpose of replacing and restoring the historic windows at the Pythagorean Hall; or to take any other action thereon.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000 from Open Space reserves and \$45,000 from undesignated fund balance, for a total not to exceed \$65,000 of Community Preservation Act funds, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, for the purposes of open space and public water resource protection, by purchasing an interest in land within the Town of Mattapoisett, shown on portions of the Mattapoisett Assessors Map 25, Lot 21B and Map 24 Lots 16 and 17 and consisting of 114 acres, more or less, for the primary purpose, in conjunction with others, of permanently preserving said 114 acres for the protection of the Town of Marion's public drinking water supply, provided, however, that should the Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Department not acquire the entirety of said land or fail to identify the Town of Marion as a grantee of a conservation restriction as defined by G.L. c.184, ss.31-32 in said land, any approval of this Article as authorized by Town Meeting shall null and void, and further, should the Mattapoisett Water and Sewer Department acquire said 114 acres and thereafter identify the Town of Marion as a grantee of a conservation restriction running against said land, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of said conservation restriction in the best interests of the Town of Marion and thereafter execute the same, or take any other action thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, §53E ½, to establish and authorize for FY17 a revolving fund for the following purposes: Recreation Revolving Fund, for the purpose of accepting receipts from fees collected from participants in the various recreation programs. Said funds to be received by the Treasurer and credited to the said revolving fund and said funds to be dispersed by the Town Accountant to offset the costs of these programs, total expense not to exceed \$150,000; or take any other action thereon

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the Chester A. Vose Fund, said monies to be used by the Assessors for the reduction of taxes; or take any other action thereon.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to institute, defend, or compromise suits of law; or take any other action thereon.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell any article belonging to the Town, provided the Town has no further use for the same; or take any other action thereon.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or transfer any taxation possession property held by the Town, pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 77, after the Board of Selectmen has notified the Planning Board, Open Space Acquisition Commission, Conservation Commission, and the Affordable Housing Trust of the availability of such land and said agencies may report in writing within twenty (20) days to the Board of Selectmen any recommendations that they may have with regard to the disposition of said land; or take any other action thereon.

Article 32. To consider the reports of the Town officers and committees and act thereon; or take any other action thereon.

Article 33. To choose by ballot all necessary officers for the ensuing year, viz; one Selectman for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Moderator for one year; one Board of Health member for three years; two Planning Board members for three years; one Marion School Committee member for three years; two Open Space Acquisition Commission members for three years; one Old Rochester Regional School Committee member for three years; and to act on the following ballot question, commencing on Friday, the 13th of May, 2016, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 465 Mill Street (Route 6), in said Marion:

Question 1. Shall the Town of Marion be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the Town of Marion's share of the bond authorization approved by the Old Rochester Regional School District School Committee on March 21, 2016, for the purpose of financing the cost of the Capital Improvement Plan at the Regional High School and Junior High School, including the financing of all costs incidental and related thereto?

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YES	NO	_

Given under our hands this 5th day of April in the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Stephen M. Cushing, Chairman

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Jonathan E. Dickerson

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A true copy, ATTEST:

I, Lincoln W. Miller, being a duly appointed constable of the Town of Marion, in the County of Plymouth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby make affidavit that legal notice of the meeting called under this Warrant has been served on the voters of said Town of Marion by posting up attested copies in not less than three public places within the said Town on April 6, 2016, said date being fourteen days, at least, before the date of the meeting, in accordance with Article 2, Section 3 of the By-laws of said Town.

Lincoln W. Miller

CONSTABLE

TOWN OF MARION TOWN MEETING WARRANT For the Special Town Meeting to be Held May 9, 2016



Plymouth, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Marion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Marion qualified to vote in Town election and Town affairs to meet at the Sippican School Auditorium in said Marion, on Monday, the 9th day of May, 2016, at 8:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Article S1 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$50,000 to supplement the Fiscal Year 2016 budget of the Department of Public Works to pay expenses associated with the removal of snow and ice from public ways during said Fiscal Year; or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Elizabeth Taber Library, one at the Town House, and one at the Marion Post Office, all in said Marion, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting aforesaid.

Hereof fail not to make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 5th day of April in the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Stephen M. Cushing, Chairman

Jonathan E. Dickerson

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